

Senate Resolution 928

By: Senators Brown of the 26th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Harp of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Mercer University on the occasion of its 175th anniversary;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mercer University is a faith based institution of higher learning that seeks to
4 achieve excellence and scholarly discipline in the fields of liberal and professional
5 knowledge; and

6 WHEREAS, the institution is guided by the historic principles of religious and intellectual
7 freedom, while affirming religious and moral values that arise from a Judeo-Christian
8 understanding of the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Mercer University was founded in 1833 in Penfield, Georgia, by Georgia
10 Baptists and was named for Jesse Mercer, a prominent Baptist leader who provided a
11 founding endowment and served as the first chairman of the school's board of trustees; and

12 WHEREAS, initially a boys' preparatory school named "Mercer Institute," the school at its
13 founding consisted of a red clay farm and two hewed log cabins, valued at approximately
14 \$1,935, and had an enrollment of 39 students, and its tuition was \$35 for the year, room and
15 board was \$8 per month, and students were required to bring their own bedding, candles, and
16 furniture; and

17 WHEREAS, today, Mercer is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate,
18 graduate, and professional education with an enrollment of approximately 7,300 students;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mercer has 11 schools and colleges, including liberal arts, law, pharmacy,
21 medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing, and continuing and
22 professional studies; and

1 WHEREAS, Mercer also has major campuses in Macon and Atlanta, four regional academic
2 centers across this state, a university press, two teaching hospitals, educational partnerships
3 with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and Piedmont Healthcare, an engineering research
4 center, a performing arts center, and a NCAA Division I athletic program; and

5 WHEREAS, for almost two decades, *U. S. News & World Report* has ranked Mercer among
6 the leading universities in the South, and *The Princeton Review* repeatedly ranks it in the top
7 10 percent of all colleges and universities in North America; and

8 WHEREAS, Mercer has been named a "College with a Conscience" by *The Princeton*
9 *Review* and Campus Compact and has been named to the President's Higher Education
10 Community Service Honor Roll for distinguished community service.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
12 recognize Mercer University and congratulate it on the occasion of its 175th anniversary.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the president of Mercer University.